

## **PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE 2012, MARINE & ENVIRONMENT PARTNERSHIP HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mrs S. Bradley (Chair), Mrs J. Collinge, R. Hughes and D. Thurston together with Lyn Cooch (Portland Ranger) and Charles Frampton (Portland Stone & Quarry Trust).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ian Looker (Town Clerk), Jacqui Gisborne, Alan Rogers and Simon Williams (Weymouth & Portland Borough Council) and four members of the public.

#### **726 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors N. Charlton, M. Gosling and Mrs S. West, together with Phillip George (Crown Estate), Angie Mustill (Heights Hotel), Robert Sansom (HM Coastguard), Geoff Peters (National Coastwatch Institution), John Tweed (Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy) and Sue Lees (Windmill Stables).

#### **727 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

#### **728 – OLYMPIC UPDATE**

Simon Williams and Jacqui Gisborne gave a presentation on behalf of the Borough Council.

Many different aspects of the 2012 events were mentioned including:-

- The best guess is that about 30,000 spectators will attend the Games each day.
- The training of trainers begins in the New Year.
- Portland is not yet confirmed on the Olympic torch relay route.
- A Harbour revision order will allocate areas for event courses.
- There will be live viewing sites on Weymouth beach and Portland with accompanying BBC commentary.

In a question and answer session Mr Elliott raised the problem of fourteen businesses at the Marina being closed for between five and ten weeks. The Borough officers gave an indication of an attempt to remedy this situation.

Mrs Gisborne said some teams had bought accommodation outside the main security area, but there would be a wider security zone beyond this.

Mr Williams noted a request for the No. 1 First Bus route to pass through the Sailing Academy.

## **729 – ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Because of the length of the last item and the likely duration of the other presentation tabled it was agreed to defer the item on the Cultural Olympiad until the next meeting. Mr Rogers was thanked for attending.

## **730 – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2010**

The minutes were formally agreed and signed as a correct record.

## **731 – MINUTE UPDATE AND MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

## **732 – 2012 OLYMPICS**

No further issues were raised.

## **733 – PROVISION OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCES ON THE ISLAND**

In discussing the report two further sites were mentioned, one to the rear of the Heights Hotel and some closed toilets by the Masonic car park.

**RECOMMENDED** – that the report with any necessary addenda be passed to the Borough Council for comment with a request for details of any Borough plans to close further sites.

## **734 – STANDARD AGENDA ITEMS (by exception)**

### **b) Litter and Fly-Tipped Material**

Cllr. Collinge drew attention to a boat and trailer apparently left in Brandy Lane. It was agreed she would liaise with the Clerk to try to get it removed.

Mrs Cooch gave a report on the recent Island clean-up. One conspicuous feature of the event was the large number of tyres dumped. Cllr. Thurston requested further details.

### **c) Run-Down Areas**

Cllr. Collinge felt there was a need for the Council to become more assertive about closed shops on the Island left in a neglected state. The Clerk offered to check associated local government legislation and report back.

### **d) Dry-Stone Walls**

Mrs Cooch raised a point about stones being removed from dry-stone walls in Weston and near the Bill. Unfortunately general restoration of all the stone walls on the Island would be a huge and expensive task requiring professional assistance. It was complicated by the walls often being in private ownership.

It was agreed as a gesture in that general direction that the Clerk should investigate the possibility of funding the restoration of the Island's windmills.

Members also discussed the idea of the Council promoting the planting of more trees on the Island. Mrs Cooch said there had been schemes of this nature in the past, but they had foundered because of the Island's severe climate and the limited of varieties which are able to establish themselves.

**735 – ISSUES RAISED BY PARTNERSHIP MEMBERS**

**a) Stone Firms Ltd**

It was agreed to discuss the seeming demise of the company at the Partnership's next meeting and that of the Mineral Liaison Committee.

**b) Portland Stone & Quarry Trust**

Mr Frampton reported the award of a Chalk & Cheese grant to replace the roof and doors at the back of the annexe.

**736 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Chair advised members that the next meeting of the Partnership would take place at the Council Offices on Wednesday, 1st December 2010, commencing at 7.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 9.10 pm.

Signed..... (Chair) Date.....